

An. Code, sec. 599. 1914, ch. 843, sec. 4.

637. Upon their appointment, the said board shall convene and organize first by electing from their number a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall perform the duties ordinarily performed by such officers and shall serve for a term of two years or until their successors have been appointed, and second by passing such by-laws and rules for the governing said school not inconsistent with the laws of the State of Maryland as they may find necessary.

An. Code, sec. 600. 1914, ch. 843, sec. 5.

638. Upon organization, the said board shall secure a site for the said institution in the country to contain about one hundred and fifty acres of land and shall proceed to erect thereon such buildings according to what is known as the Cottage System as they may deem necessary for the purposes herein set forth.

An. Code, sec. 601. 1914, ch. 843, sec. 6.

639. Said board shall appoint a female Superintendent of said institution and shall prescribe her duties and fix her compensation; said Board shall also prescribe the number, duties and compensation of all other officials and employees, but all such officials and employees shall be appointed by and subject to removal at pleasure by the said Superintendent.

An. Code, sec. 602. 1914, ch. 843, sec. 7.

640. Any Judge or Justice of the Peace of this State having criminal jurisdiction, may commit to said institution any white female under the age of twenty-one years who shall have been convicted of any crime or misdemeanor, or who shall have been shown to be vicious or incorrigible; and said corporation is hereby authorized to receive all girls committed to it as aforesaid and to hold them under such commitment until they shall respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years. No girl shall be committed to said Institution simply because she has no home nor because of poverty. All commitments shall be until the age of twenty-one years, but the Institution may accept any girl and hold her pending investigation or trial on the request of a Judge or Justice of the Peace, but no girl so received shall be detained for a period of more than three months.

An. Code, sec. 603. 1914, ch. 843, sec. 8.

641. Each girl committed to said Institution shall receive regular religious instruction to be provided by the church of her parents whenever it is possible for the Superintendent to secure it. There shall be religious services at least once weekly where, as far as the Superintendent is able to obtain them, all denominations shall be represented. The Board of Directors is authorized to make such expenditures for religious instruction as it may deem necessary for the carrying out of these provisions.

An. Code, sec. 604. 1914, ch. 843, sec. 9.

642. Whenever the Board of Directors shall deem it for the best interest of any girl in its custody, it shall authorize the Superintendent to